HOUSE BILL 3387 By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to alternative education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3402(a), is amended by deleting the last sentence of the subsection and substituting instead the following sentence:

A student may graduate from an alternative school, if the school has met all applicable standards and such program of studies is in the best interest of the student.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3402(b), is amended by deleting the last sentence of the subsection.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3402(f)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) The state board of education shall provide a curriculum for alternative schools to ensure students received specialized attention in order to maximize student success. Alternative schools shall offer an alternative learning environment in which students have a variety of educational opportunities such as learning at different rates of time or utilizing different, but successful learning strategies and tools.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.